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"Lost Trail Ski Area Off-Road Motorized Vehicle Closure"

Hamilton, Montana, May 09, 2007 — As of May 4th, 2007, all lands within the permit boundary of Lost Trail Ski Area on the Sula Ranger District are closed to off-road motorized vehicle use. This closure includes over snow vehicles. This closure order does not affect Forest Service Roads #729 and #5734, known as the Saddle Mountain Roads, which will remain open for motorized public use.

The order, signed by Bitterroot Forest Supervisor Dave Bull and Salmon-Challis Forest Supervisor William Wood, was established to protect equipment throughout the area operated under Special Use Permit by the Lost Trail-Powder Mountain Ski Area, and to provide for public safety.

The Forest and the ski area owners have been concerned for several years over the increasing use of the area by snowmobiles and ATVs, and the potential for injury or damage from this use. Nearly all ski areas on National Forests currently have a closure order of this type in place.

A complete description of the closure area and a map may be obtained at any Bitterroot National Forest office. Please contact the Sula Ranger District, 821-3201, for additional information.

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